23. जिन्दल ओवरसीज़ लिमिटेड
24. शिवम इण्टरनेशनल
25. मै॰ नोवाकॉम आॅयल प्रोडक्ट
26. खुशीराम बिहारीलाल
27. एम॰बी॰ एक्सपोर्ट्स
28. पुन्सुप (पंजाब राज्य नागरिक निगम)
29. रामा एसोसिएट्स
30. प्रियंका ओवरसीज़
31. टीना ओवरसीज़ लिमिटेड
32. जमनादास माधवजी
33. शिवनाथ राय हरनारायण
34. अल्लानासन्स
35. ताना ट्रेडिंग कार्पोरेशन
36. मै॰ रघुनाथ इण्टरनेशनल
37. यूनीवर्सल एण्टरप्राइजेज़
38. सतनाम ओवरसीज़ लिमिटेड
39. मै॰ एमसन्स लिमिटेड
40. मै॰ स्पेस एण्टरप्राइजेज़
41. मै॰ आर॰ प्यारेलाल इण्टरनेशनल
42. मै॰ मुंमार्क
43. मै॰ श्रीजी ट्रेडिंग कम्पनी
44. नेफेड (मै॰ नेशनल एग्रीकल्चरल को-आपरेटिव मार्केटिंग फेडरेशन)

Representations received by DGFT

1125. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received during the last three months by the DGFT and Government regarding payment of CCS as sanctioned, due and payable prior to 2nd July, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite clearance in some cases by the DGFT for payment of such CCS amount to the exporters mostly in public sector have not been paid in effect;

(c) whether Government had desired dropping of technical objections raised by Audit Department;

(d) whether the payments has been withheld despite repeated reminders; and

(e) if so, the steps to be taken for making the payment of CCS finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Out of the ten representations received in this regard during the last 3 months by the Ministry of Commerce/DGFT in two cases CCS was initially sanctioned and paid but subsequently recovered/adjusted on account of objections raised by the audit. One of the cases related to a Public Sector Company (M/s Baimer Lawris & Co. Ltd., Cochin).

(c) to (e) The objections raised by the Audit were examined and were accepted by the Government. As such, the question of repayment of the recovered amounts to these firms does not arise.

Census of Families living below the poverty threshold

1126. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families in India according to the 1991 census;

(b) the total number of families who were living below the poverty threshold in June, 1991;

(c) the total number of families living below the poverty threshold at the end of 1994-95 fiscal year as well as the latest available data on this; and

(d) the definition of poverty threshold in terms of family income per annum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLMENTATION (SHRI BALARM SINGH YADAV): (a) As per 1991 Census there were 152,009,467 households in India (excluding Jammu & Kashmir where the 1991 Census was not held).

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission estimates number of persons below poverty line on the basis of quinquennial survey on Household Consumer

Expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. This data is available only on the basis of persons and not households. Thus these figures are available for 1977-78, 1983-84, 1987-88 and 1993-94. As per the estimates for 1993-94, the number of persons living below poverty line is 168.57 million.

(d) The poverty line for 1993-94 estimates is given by an expenditure of Rs. 228.9 per capita per month for rural areas and Rs. 264.1 per capita per month for urban areas, at 1993-94 prices.

News-item regarding black marketing of Kerosene

1127. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in 'Satesman' dated 2nd January, 1996 regarding involvement of IOC senior managers is selling subsidised kerosene meant for PDS in black market and its diversion to Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government makes only bulk allocation of kerosene to States/UTs for distribution through their Public Distribution System (PDS). Operational responsibility of ensuring proper distribution within the State/UT to the consumers is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. The States/UTs are authorised to take action against blackmarketeers, hoarders, etc. under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and various Control Orders issued thereunder, as also the Indian Penal Code. The Central Government has been advising, from time to time, the States/UTs to take effective steps so that malpractices do not occur. A scheme of blue dyeing of kerosene and 'delivered supply', i.e. delivery of supplies at the door step of wholesalers has also been introduced in order to check unauthorised diversion and othe malpractices in the distribution c kerosene.

Monitoring of NGOs Fund

1128. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names and amount released to NGOs by the Planning Commission during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Commission has monitored the use of the funds released to NGOs; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Planning Commission is no implementating any specific scheme to fund NGOs for any development work.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-Operational Sugar Mills in Punjab

1129. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government have expressed inability to run the existing sugar mills in the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government had requisitioned for the same sugar mills some years back;

(c) if so, the reasons for present imbroglio; and